

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image processing apparatus comprising:  
an input unit for inputting image information;  
a generating unit for generating output limitation information corresponding to the image information input by said input unit;  
a storing unit for storing the image information input by said input unit and the output limitation information generated by said generating unit ;  
a reading unit for reading a document, wherein the document contains output limitation information; and  
an output unit for outputting the image information stored by said storing unit in accordance with reading of the output limitation information by said reading unit.
2. An image processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said input unit inputs the image information by reading an image on a document.
3. An image processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said output unit prints an image representing the image information on a recording medium.
4. An image processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said output units sends the image information.
5. An image processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further

comprising a connector arranged to connect said apparatus to a network, wherein the output limitation information indicates the storage location of the image information on the network.

6. An image processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the output limitation information includes an output allowance page count, wherein the output of the image information is limited based on the output allowance page count.

7. An image processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the output limitation information includes an output allowance term, wherein the output of the image information is limited based on the output allowance term.

8. An image processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the image information is inputted to the input unit from a source external to the image processing apparatus.

9. An image processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein outputting the image information is based on the result of comparing the output limitation information stored by the storing unit with the output limitation information read by the reading unit.

10. An image output method comprising:  
an input step of inputting image information;  
a generating step of generating output limitation information

corresponding to the image information input by the input step;

a storing step of storing the image information input in said input step and the output limitation information generated in said generating step;

a reading step of reading a document, wherein the document contains output limitation information; and

an output step of outputting the image information stored in said storing step in accordance with reading of the output limitation information in said reading step.

11. An image output method according to Claim 10, wherein said input step inputs the image information by reading an image on a document.

12. An image output method according to Claim 10, wherein said output step prints an image representing the image information on a recording medium.

13. An image output method according to Claim 10, wherein said output step outputs the image information based on the result of comparing the output limitation information stored in the storing step with the output limitation information read in the reading step.

14. An image output method according to Claim 10, wherein the image information is inputted to the input step from an external source.

15. A computer executable program, stored in a storage medium, said program comprising:

an input step of inputting image information;

a generating step of generating output limitation information corresponding to the image information input by the input step;

a storing step of storing the image information input in said input step and the output limitation information generated in said generating step;

a reading step of reading a document wherein the document contains output limitation information; and

an output step of outputting the image information stored in said storing step in accordance with reading of the output limitation information in said reading step.

16. Computer executable program, stored in a storage medium, according to Claim 15, wherein said input step inputs the image information by reading an image on a document.

17. Computer executable program, stored in a storage medium, according to Claim 15, wherein said output step outputs the image information based on the result of comparing the output limitation information stored in the storing step with the output limitation information read in the reading step.

18. Computer executable program, stored in a storage medium, according to Claim 15, wherein the image information is inputted to the input step from an external source.